

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the following paragraphs of the specification:

[0003] It has now been found that poly(ethylene-glycols), polyethoxylated castor oils (CREMOPHOR~~remophor~~®EL), alcohols having 12 to 20 carbon atoms or a mixture of two or more of said components are valuable excipients for dispersing and/or dissolving effective amounts of ophthalmic drugs, in particular of ascomycins and staurosporine derivatives, in an ointment base, in particular in an ointment base substantially comprising oleaginous and hydrocarbon components, and that the resulting ointments are excellently tolerated by the skin and by ocular tissue.

[0025] Polyethoxylated castor oils are reaction products of natural or hydrogenated castor oils and ethylene glycol. Such products may be obtained in known manner, e.g. by reaction of a natural or hydrogenated castor oil or fractions thereof with ethylene oxide, e.g. in a molar ratio of from about 1:30 to about 1:60, with optional removal of free polyethylene glycol components from the product, e.g. in accordance with the methods disclosed in German Auslegeschriften 1,182,388 and 1,518,819. Especially suitable and preferred is a product commercially available under the trade name CREMOPHOR~~remophor~~®EL having a molecular weight (by steam osmometry)=ca. 1630, a saponification no.=ca. 65-70, an acid no.=ca. 2, an iodine no.=ca. 28-32 and an n.sub.D.sup.25=ca.1.471. Also suitable for use in this category is, for instance, NIKKOL~~ikke~~®HCO-60, a reaction product of hydrogenated castor oil and ethylene oxide exhibiting the following characteristics: acid no.=ca. 0.3; saponification no.=ca. 47.4; hydroxy value=ca. 42.5. pH (5%)=ca. 4.6; Color APHA=ca. 40; m.p.=ca. 36.0.degree. C.; Freezing point=ca. 32.4.degree. C.; H.sub.2O content (% , KF)=ca. 0.03.

[0063] a quaternary ammonium compound such as e.g. benzalkonium chloride (N-benzyl-N--(C.sub.8-C.sub.18-alkyl)-N,N-dimethylammonium chloride), benzoxonium chloride, benzethonium chloride, cetrimide (hexadecyl-trimethylammonium bromide), sepazonium chloride, cetylpyridinium chloride, domiphen bromide (BRADOSOL~~radose~~®) or the like,

[0080] imidazolidinyl urea as known and commercially available under the trade name GERMAL~~ermal~~®II,

[0082] stabilized oxychloro complexes such as known and commercially available under the trade name PURITE~~urite~~®,

[0083] polyglycol-polyamine condensation resins, such as known and commercially available e.g. under the trade name POLYQUART~~olyquart~~® from Henkel KGaA,

[0090] chelating agents having phosphonic acid or phosphonate groups, preferably organophosphonates, particularly amino tri(lower alkylene phosphonic acids) such as those

known and commercially available from Monsanto Company, St. Louis, under the trade name DEQUEST® or the like,

[0091] cyclodextrins, e.g. .alpha.-, .beta.- or .gamma.-cyclodextrin, e.g. alkylated, hydroxyalkylated, carboxy-alkylated or alkyloxycarbonyl-alkylated derivatives, or mono- or diglycosyl-.alpha.-, .beta.- or .gamma.-cyclodextrin, mono- or dimaltosyl-.alpha.-, .beta.- or .gamma.-cyclodextrin or panosyl-cyclodextrin, e.g. such as known and commercially available under the trade name CAVAMAX® or CAVASOL® from Wacker Chemie, or